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1. SUGGESTION IN REFTELS THAT CONFRONTATION STATES INITIATE PRACTICE OF INFORMING EACH OTHER WHEN MILITARY MANEUVERS CONDUCTED NEAR DISENGAGEMENT LINES STRIKES US AS SOUND. EMBASSY RECALLS FLOATING SUCH IDEA IN LATE 1974 (UNABLE FORWARD REFERENCE SINCE FILES FOR THAT PERIOD DESTROYED).

2. ONE METHOD OF EXPLORING IDEA WITH PARTIES IS THROUGH LOCAL CHIEFS OF STAFF. ALTERNATIVELY, WE COULD GO THROUGH UN SINCE SIILASVUO ORIGINALLY INVOLVED. THIRD APPROACH WOULD BE THROUGH RESPECTIVE FONMINS.

3. ONE CONTEXT IN WHICH IDEA COULD BE FRAMED WOULD BE TO CONTACT GENEVA MEPC PARTICIPANTS, WHICH WOULD PROVIDE AMMAN
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RATIONALE FOR JORDANIAN PARTICIPATION.

4. WE WONDER WHETHER THIS IDEA COULD NOT BE USEFULLY EXPANDED TO INCLUDE LEBANON AS WELL. WORDING SO PHRASED AS TO REQUIRE NOTIFICATION OF MILITARY MOVEMENTS NEAR BORDERS OF SIGNATORIES OF ARMISTICE AGREEMENTS WOULD ENCOURAGE LEBANON TO NOTIFY UN WHEN ADF TROOP MOVEMENTS

TOWARD SOUTH LEBANON CONTEMPLATED BY SARKIS REGIME (OR
DAMASCUS). THIS COULD HELP PREVENT SURPRISES SIMILAR TO
WHAT OCCURRED RECENTLY.
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